

THE ROCK ISLAND ARGUS.  
BOSSSES MAY ACCEPT AN 8-HOUR DAYREVOKE CALL  
SENT OUT FOR  
MORE TROOPS

War Department Suspends  
Order Issued for 25,000  
Additional Men.

## ONLY ACT OF CAUTION

In Case of Strike Soldiers  
Would Be Needed to  
Operate Trains.

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 15.—The order for the remainder of the country's militia, about 25,000 men, to proceed to the border, has been revoked, according to an announcement made at southern department headquarters today. The war department notified headquarters here that troops would continue to be held in their state mobilization camps.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Orders for the remaining mobilized units of the national guard to proceed to the border have been suspended by the war department. No official explanation has been made but it is known that the delicacy of the railroad strike situation has been the moving consideration.

Suspension of the orders which would have moved some 25,000 men to the border, should not be taken as an indication that the president's negotiations with the railroad brotherhoods and the railroad managers have taken an unfavorable turn, but as a measure of caution. It was considered highly undesirable that all remaining guardsmen should be moved to the border while there was a possibility that they might be called upon to preserve order throughout some of the states. There is even the possibility that some of the troops in the event of a strike might be called upon to guard or operate mail trains and trains supplying troops along the border. The suspension of the orders prevents the immediate movement of the troops from Kentucky, Ohio and Vermont and the movement of all other mobilized units which were to have gone forward as soon as they were equipped.

## To Go When Strike Crisis Passes.

It is clear that if the railroad strike situation clears up, the troops will be moved to the border line.

The official explanation of the change at the war department is that difficulties of transportation and equipment suddenly developed have made a delay necessary. It is known, however, that the railway situation is the real cause.

NEW YORK COMPANY  
BUYS GERMAN DYES

New York, Aug. 15.—The first consignment of dyes brought from Germany by the submarine freighter Deutschland has been received by a coloring company in this city and constitutes the first shipment of the kind to reach here from German manufacturers since the beginning of the war. Other local dyeing users received little of the dye for some of the Deutschland's cargo which is estimated to have included about 200 tons of dyes valued in excess of \$1,000,000.

It is reported that high prices are demanded for these dyes but one of the consignees said that it was absurd to believe that fabulous profits will be realized. He declared that the cost of the dyes in Germany is at least twice what it was before the war, that freight and insurance charges are three times as great and that the dyes brought by the Deutschland were not in the form of paste, composed of 10 and 20 per cent dye and the rest paste but are 100 per cent dye.

Slot Machine Inquiry Resumed.  
Chicago, Aug. 15.—Investigation into the operation of slot machines in Chicago in violation of law was to be resumed today, with the arraignment before the police trial board of Captain Thomas J. Cronin, one of the recently suspended police officers. Captain Cronin is charged with having failed to suppress slot machine gambling in his district.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity

Probably unsettled weather tonight.  
Wednesday generally fair and somewhat warmer.

Highest temperature yesterday 75;  
lowest last night, 64; at 7 a. m. today,  
65.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 5 miles  
per hour.

Humidity at 7 p. m., 79; at 7 a. m.,  
96; at 1 o'clock, 72.

Stage of water, 4.6 feet with a fall  
of 2 of a foot in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Italian War  
Craft Blows  
Up; 300 Lost

Paris, Aug. 15, (5:15 a. m.)—The Italian dreadnought Leonardo da Vinci caught fire and blew up in the harbor of Taranto, Italy, and 300 of her crew were drowned, says a Turin dispatch to the Petit Journal. The date of the disaster is given only as a day in August.

The fire, says the dispatch, was discovered in the dreadnought's kitchen and spread rapidly. The captain immediately ordered the magazines flooded and tried to beach the battleship but one magazine exploded before this could be done. The vessel was turned over on her side and a large number of the crew were thrown into the sea.

It is believed that the battleship can be righted and refloated.

The Leonardo da Vinci was a sister ship of the Conte Di Cavour and of the Giulio Cesare and was launched in October, 1911. Her displacement was 22,000 tons and she was 575½ feet long, 91½ feet beam and carried a total company of 367 men. Her main battery consisted of thirteen 12-inch guns and her secondary battery to stand off torpedo attacks was composed of eighteen 4.7-inch guns. Her engines were of 24,000 horse power designed to develop a speed of 22½ knots.

THREE TRAINMEN  
KILLED IN WRECK

Two Double-Header Freight Trains  
Crash in Head On Collision  
Near Vance.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 15.—Three trainmen were killed, three seriously injured and four slightly hurt when two heavy freight trains, each drawn by two engines, came together in a head on collision on the Pittsburgh & Westinghouse division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Vance, Pa., early today. All traffic was tied up for several hours.

The dead, all of Pittsburgh, are: W. J. EUSTICE, engineer.  
C. D. HUTCHINSON, fireman.  
C. R. WRIGHT, fireman.

## THE WAR TODAY

Emperor William is again on the eastern front, where the Austro-German armies are struggling desperately to withstand the heavy strokes of the Russians in Galicia and Volhynia. In the latter region the opposing forces apparently are at a standstill, but in Galicia the onward sweep of General Brusilov's forces is continuing with rapidity.

The Zlota Lipa line, to which the Austrians fell back after the forced evacuation of their positions along the Stripa, is apparently not destined to hold. Petrograd today reports the Russians crossing to the west banks of the Zlota Lipa river at some points, thus menacing the flank of General von Rothemann's lines elsewhere along that stream.

Further south General Letchitzky is continuing his advance beyond Halicz across the Bystrzyca-Solovyna line, while to the north the Russians are moving along the upper Stripa upon the new positions west of the Teutons' old line.

The Germans were driven from the trenches recaptured from the British northwest of Pozieres on the Somme front, according to London.

The French in the Verdun region, Paris says, have recaptured German trenches in the Vaux-Fleury sector east of the Meuse to a depth of 100 yards along a 300-yard front.

Rome announces further advances for the Italians in their campaign on the Carso plateau, southeast of Gorizia. The official bulletin chronicles the capture of Austrian entrenchments in that region and also positions further north, east of Gorizia.

In Galicia the Russians are still forcing back the Teutonic allies and have captured the strongly fortified town of Tustobay.

On the Upper Sareth, however, the Teutonic allies are holding back the Russians with artillery fire, and according to Vienna, an attack near Brody ended with the Austrians before the Austro-German positions covered with Russian dead.

Bad weather has hindered operations in France and fighting has been confined mostly to artillery duels. Berlin reports that the British have been driven out of trenches over a front of 700 yards southwest of Pozieres.

The Italians have made further progress against the Austrians along the Carso plateau. Around Gorizia heavy fighting is going on.

On the Persian frontier the Turks continue on the offensive. But Petrograd says the Turks have been forced to retreat on the southwest bank of Lake Van, through the fire of Russian warships on the lake. The Turks claim a further advance north of Bitlis.

Begin Work  
on Illinois'  
New Prison

Joliet, Ill., Aug. 15.—Work is under way today on the construction of the new \$3,500,000 Illinois penitentiary, which is expected to be completed within five years. The work is being done entirely by convict labor.

The site for the prison is 2,193 acres, four miles from the present penitentiary and northwest of Joliet. The plans are declared to be the last word in prison architecture. Eight circular cell houses, each with a roof of glass, are to be built around a central dining hall, with which each will be connected by a corridor.

Each cell house is to be 150 feet in diameter and to accommodate 250 prisoners. Every cell is to be an "outside" cell and its window will open on the walled-in prison yard. Its inner front will be glassed in, making each cell a room.

Sunshine will reach every cell, although the windows will have steel bars on the inside of the glass enclosure and on the outside also, thus making escape practically impossible. An elaborate ventilating system will be installed and the air passing through the cells will be washed and heated.

QUINCY SUFFERS  
FROM HEAVY RAIN

One Man Killed and Great Property  
Loss Suffered By Cloudburst  
in Lower Part of State.

Quincy, Ill., Aug. 15.—The most terrific and damaging rain storm in this city and vicinity in months fell last night, causing the death of one man at Monroe City, Mo., the injury of another and much damage to property and crops.

Al McDonald of Brookfield, Mo., engineer on extra freight No. 2140, was crushed to death under the engine on mile west of Monroe City, Mo., west of here at 5 o'clock this morning when the train left the track after water undermined it and the rails spread. Brakeman McKiddie of Brookfield, on his first trip, was caught under the engine wheel and fought for five hours to keep from drowning. Physicians, wading in water, amputated his leg to extricate him after the train crew and bystanders took turns for five hours holding his head above the water. The other members of the crew leaped into the newly formed lakes near the track and were uninjured.

Seven washouts between here and St. Louis on the "K" line curtailed regular service. The Three-Eye baseball park at Hannibal, Mo., was inundated and ruined for this year when Bear creek left its banks. Two thousand people are reported made homeless at Hannibal by the rise of the treacherous stream, which winds its course through the business district of the city.

Captain Synnamm Dies.  
Platte City, Mo., Aug. 15.—Captain James Synnamm, 80, Confederate veteran, died here last night. During the civil war he was a captain in Quanside of Stewart's corps.

DEMOCRATS HOPE  
TO WIN IN STATE

National and Local Forces Join in  
Fight to Put Illinois in the  
Wilson Column.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—President Wilson's campaign managers have a strongly intrenched hope that Illinois will go democratic in November. They have listed the state as absolutely doubtful and are making preparations for a campaign that will be anything but perfunctory.

Senator Thomas J. Walsh, western democratic manager, has formed an alliance with the democratic state committee, and from the national and state headquarters yesterday word went out that full cooperation is to prevail.

The return of Roger C. Sullivan from the east, bringing reports that the situation is highly favorable to the reelection of President Wilson, prefaced news that all differences that have arisen during four years have been subdued for the present.

Senator Walsh advised National Committeeman Charles Boeschenstein and State Chairman Arthur W. Charles that he will arrive from Washington Thursday prepared to inaugurate a hard fight in Illinois.

Chairman Charles immediately sent out telegraphic requests to all county chairmen and the secretaries asking them to report at state headquarters in Hotel Sherman Thursday morning. Senator Walsh is to present to them a plan of campaign he expects to have ratified and inaugurated without delay.

It is understood there is to be financial sufficiency to go through with elaborate plans that are to be approved formally at the White House tomorrow at a conference in which National Chairman Vance McCormick, Senator Walsh and other democratic managers will sit in with President Wilson.

Mr. Boeschenstein received directions from National Treasurer Wilbur W. Marsh to proceed with the installation of furniture at the Karpen building headquarters. These are to be opened Thursday.

HOLDING CONFAB ON  
WHEAT SITUATION

Chicago, Aug. 15.—The bread situation as it affects makers and the public was to be the subject of a conference between E. A. Hurley of the federal trade commission and United States District Attorney Clyne today. It was said the wheat situation would come up for discussion.

The possibility that Federal Judge Landis might be asked by Mr. Clyne to summon a special grand jury to investigate what is alleged to have been the recent manipulation of the wheat market by speculators, was reported but could not be confirmed early today.

## DAY IN CONGRESS

## SENATE.

Met at 11 a. m.  
Adopted resolution calling for  
battleship target practice records  
of 1916.

Resumed debate on ship bill.  
Finance committee met to consider  
revenue bill as approved by  
democratic caucus.

## HOUSE.

Met at 11 a. m.  
Took up conference report on  
naval appropriation bill.

Gains Made  
by Allies on  
Every Front

Berlin, Aug. 15, (5:06 p. m.)—After attacks of the greatest violence on the Somme front, continuing until late last night, the British obtained a footing in first line German trenches on the Thiepval-Pozieres front, the war office announced today.

London, Aug. 15.—Nearly all of the remaining trenches northwest of Pozieres, on the Somme front, in which the Germans gained a footing on Sunday, have been retaken, the war office announced today.

Paris, Aug. 15.—French troops captured German trenches on a front about 300 yards long and 100 yards deep north of the Chapel of Sainte Pine, on the right bank of the Meuse in the Verdun sector last night, says the war office statement today.

On the Somme front the French artillery was very active at Belloy, Estrees and Lihons. Elsewhere the night was calm.

Petrograd, Aug. 15.—The rapid Russian advance in Galicia continues. Russian troops are crossing to the western banks of the Zlota Lipa and Dystriza-Solovyna and are advancing along the upper Stripa, the war office announced today.

Berlin, (via London, Aug. 15.)—Austro-German troops under General Count von Bothmer are offering determined resistance to the Russian advance along the upper Stripa in northern Galicia. They have completely repulsed strong attacks in the Zborov-Koninich sector says today's official statement.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Italian troops have entered the suburbs of Tolmino, which is under continuous shell fire, according to a dispatch to La Liberte from Turin today. The Austrians, says the dispatch, are evacuating the city.

Geneva, Aug. 15.—The Italian advance guard moving southeast of Gorizia is within 13 miles of Trieste, whence the greater part of the Austrian fleet has sailed for an unknown destination, according to a telegram from Buchs, Switzerland today.

Rome, Aug. 15.—On the Carso plateau and to the east of Gorizia, along the Isonzo front, the Austrians have suffered further reverses at the hands of the Italians, today's official statement says. Austrian entrenchments in both these regions were captured.

MORE COTTON USED  
DURING PAST YEAR

Washington, Aug. 15.—Cotton used in the United States during the cotton year, which ended July 31, aggregated 6,355,972 bales, compared with 5,597,362 last year, the census bureau today announced. Linters used in that period and not included in the foregoing statistics amounted to 881,255 bales, compared with 198,905 last year.

Cotton used during July was 489,933 bales, compared with 496,846 in July last year.

Cotton on hand July 31 in consuming establishments was 1,632,456 bales compared with 1,401,185 a year ago and in public storage and at compresses 1,090,914 bales compared with 1,784,919 a year ago.

Stevenson Opens Headquarters.  
Chicago, Aug. 15.—Lewis G. Stevenson, secretary of state, opened headquarters here today from which he will conduct his campaign for reelection.

RAILROAD CHIEFS CONSIDER  
PLAN TO AGREE TO DEMAND  
OF WORKERS; ARE DOUBTFULTO FIGHT PLAGUE  
WITH GOOD BLOOD

To Experiment in New York by Taking  
Fluid From Veins of Parents to  
Battle Disease.

New York, Aug. 15.—Family physicians were advised today by Dr. Abraham Zingher of Willard-Parker hospital, to try the use of "normal" blood serum obtained from parents as a method of rendering their children immune to infantile paralysis.

The theory on which Dr. Zingher and his assistants are working is that the blood of the normal adult contains the anti-bodies which neutralize the virus of poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis. Some physicians believe the presence of these anti-bodies is due to the fact that the parents have had the disease in an unrecognized form. It is stated that if the theory of the anti-bodies is correct, the blood serum treatment may prove as effective in preventing infantile paralysis as vaccination is in preventing typhoid.

GOVERNOR DUNNE  
REVIEWS TROOPS

Camp Wilson, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Aug. 15.—Governor Edward F. Dunne of Illinois and his staff today reviewed informally the First Illinois brigade, which is marching 33 miles to the Texas resort for training, and is now at Landa's Park.

After witnessing the march the governor returned to camp here for inspection, taking mess with the enlisted men, partaking of their rations on a nickle-plated pan from a field kit.

Governor Dunne intends to remain here two days, following which, at the invitation of Brigadier General Parker, U. S. A., he will inspect the First Illinois cavalry at Brownsville, Texas.

Governor Dunne was enthusiastic over the condition of the state troops. "I find the boys in good health, well contented with their army life, and as good a body of soldiers as can be found anywhere," he said.

QUARANTINE BROKEN  
BY PLAGUE VICTIM

'Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15.—The state board of health today is investigating a report that the parents of a child suffering with infantile paralysis had broken quarantine at Coulterville, Ill., and taken the child to Belleville, Ill.

The family's name is Milburn. The infant, said to have a well developed case of the disease, arrived at Belleville yesterday. The board announced, if quarantine had been violated, prosecutions will result.

Seven additional cases were reported today, one each at Deatur, Genoa, Lostend, Stockland, Harvey, Jacob and Kankakee.

FIND TWO CASES OF  
PARALYSIS AT BOWEN

Quincy, Ill., Aug. 15.—Two cases of infantile paralysis of the same form which has been prevalent in the east, have been discovered at Bowen, Ill., near here and a score or more of children taken to exposure have been isolated until Aug. 24 to prevent a general epidemic. Dr. East of the state health board, diagnosed the cases and has issued instructions to prevent further contagion.

## Latest Bulletins

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 15.—The theft of \$10,800 in currency and negotiable bonds from the city treasurer's office of North Vancouver was discovered when the treasurer opened the vaults today.

Washington, Aug. 15.—After a conference today between President Wilson and the members of the democratic campaign committee, Vance McCormick, chairman of the national committee, announced that the president would make no speaking tour but probably would accept invitations to speak at different places.

London, Aug. 15.—The Italian steamer San Giovanni Battista of 1,067 tons gross, and the Italian sailing vessel Rosario have been sunk.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Formal notification to President of his nomination will take place Sept. 2. That day was definitely selected today.

London, Aug. 15.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the 2,500 ton Italian steamship Teti in the Mediterranean. Part of the crew was landed at Genoa.

Expect Managers to Give in  
to Principle of Shorter  
Working Day.

## AGAIN GROWS GRAVE

Employees in Conference See  
Little Hope for New  
Proposal Made.

Washington, Aug. 15.—After the committee of railroad managers had another conference with President Wilson early today, it became known that a proposal was under consideration by which the railroads would accept the principle of an eight-hour day and leave the working out of its application to the interstate commerce commission or some body formed for the purpose.

Secretary Tumulty issued the following statement: "The president spent an hour and a half this morning with the representatives of the railway management. After the conference he said that it was impossible as yet to report on the results; all that he could say was that a very candid and honest discussion was in progress about practicable basis of settlement."

Both Ready to Concede Points.  
Whether this plan can be worked out will not be known until President Wilson presents it to the brotherhood leaders.

The railroads are understood to be ready to concede the principle of the 8-hour day, providing concessions be made by the employees so too heavy a burden will not be placed upon the railroads.

The men say they principally want the 8-hour day on conditions that it shall be enforced whenever possible. The railroads are said to believe it impossible to accept the 8-hour day unless a workable system of application can be built up. Members of the managers' committee said they had no plans for the future and did not know whether they would be called to the White House again.

## Must Be Decided Together.

The managers' representatives said the collateral issues are inseparable and that it would not be practicable to accept the 8-hour day and submit the other question to arbitration. All of the issues are interwoven, they contend, and must be decided together.

Representatives of the brotherhoods heard of the proposal with interest but insisted the proposition was not a new one.

None of the brotherhood officials would commit himself on what the attitude of the employees would be toward such a proposal but they did not appear optimistic over the likelihood of its proving acceptable.

## Would Go to Board.

The employees' representatives said if such a proposition were tendered in concrete form to them they could only refer it to the general board, composed of 600 committee chairman now in New York.

It was probable, one of the officials said, that if such a proposition were submitted to them through the president today they would return to New York and place it before the general board.

## Men Pessimistic.

As the heads of the railroad brotherhoods assembled at the White House at 2 o'clock this afternoon for their second conference with President Wilson there were expressions of doubt among officials close to the situation over whether the men would accept the proposal of the railroads made to the president earlier in the day by the managers' committee.

In effect the railroads proposed, it was understood, to grant the basic eight-hour day and leave the question of its application to be decided by some commission.

The heads of the brotherhoods said before going to the president's conference that they themselves could not pass upon such a proposition but would have to refer it back to the general committee of union heads in New York. As they entered the president's room, however, the union leaders gave outward evidence of pessimism.

Situation More Grave.  
"Let us pray," was the cryptic response of A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' when asked what he thought of the outcome.

"I hope to the Lord, this conference will be favorable," said Lee of the conductors.

It was apparent that the feeling of optimism which prevailed when yesterday's conferences closed had mysteriously been dissipated today and that all recognized the situation as more grave.

## Citizens on Month's Cruise.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 15.—The battleship Illinois sailed today with between 150 and 200 civilian volunteers on board from Iowa, Illinois, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin, for a month's practice cruise. She will proceed to Fort Pond bay, Long Island.